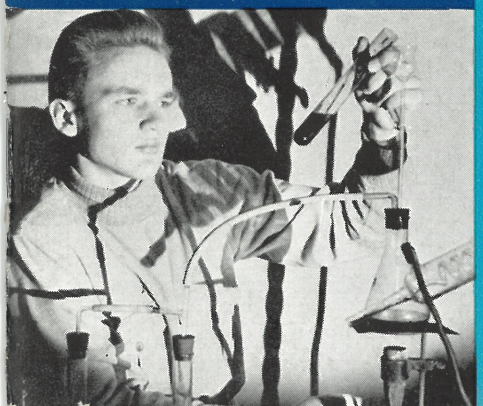

The Master Calleth for Thee

"... your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions . . ."--Acts 2:17

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"To live to help others from day unto day,
To live to help others, to show them thy way;
To live to help others, may this be my plea,
In service for others I'll live, Lord, for thee."

"Behold, the field!"

Chapter I

God's Call for *ALL* Vocations

Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander

"The prudent man looketh well to his going." PROVERBS 14:15

"WHERE are they going, and what will they do?" a college president asked his two companions as they watched the seniors leave the college chapel after graduation. This double question comes up again and again as one observes young people. Every age also has its problems and surely we have plenty of them, but every age also has its own peculiar opportunities. The vast majority of young people want to make their lives worthwhile; they want to succeed.

The question that comes to all of us is the relation of God and His plan for our lives. Many people have felt that certainly God has a plan for those who enter full-time Christian service as ministers, missionaries, and teachers in a Christian school. We have not been as certain, however, that God has a definite plan for the farmer, business man, teacher, and housewife. God has a plan for every life, and in this section of this pamphlet we want to consider God's call to *each* person regardless of what this call includes. In the next section, then, God's call to full-time Christian service will be considered more specifically. There are a number of issues to consider as we think of God's plan for each life. We want to list these and discuss each of them briefly.

A Right Relationship with God Is Primary

The finding of the *way* is much more than finding a *job*. The world looks like a maze, but this must not frighten us. The world is full of tragedy, because so many lives have been lived without a plan. Any life, with God left out, is bound to experience tragedy sooner or later.

The master said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" Matthew 7:13, 14.

Life is more than a financial undertaking. Life is involved with religious issues whether we wish it so or not. John Oxenham has emphasized this in the following lines:

To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way,
And the High Soul climbs the High Way,
And the Low Soul gropes the Low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.

We Must Realize That There Are Some Vocations That Are Not for Christians

In any Christian youth group the members could list some of these without any difficulty. One of these would be the liquor industry. Another might be any industry relating to gambling. One must evaluate his chosen work in

the light of the basic Christian principles. There are certain periods of history in which we tend to compromise in this matter of choosing vocations. In time of war some of our members were engaged in war industries. We must ask the following question before we enter any vocation: Can I honor my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in my vocation?

As We Choose Our Vocation among Those That Are Worthy of Christians, There Are a Number of Things We Should Keep in Mind

1. Am I choosing my task largely for its financial returns or because of the service I can render to others? Many people choose their tasks with the amount of money they can make their major concern. This is not a worthy motive for choosing our life work. In whatever work God calls us we should have as our major purpose the service of others. This is true in all vocations: teaching, farming, business, medicine, and other areas. In each of these fields money can be the goal or the goal can be the amount of service we can render to others.

2. Can I use my God-given talent and time in this vocation to the fullest extent? God has given each of us certain talents. Some of us can do a number of things well. The question we must sincerely ask is whether the task we will do for our lifework is the one in which we can use our talents to the best advantage.

3. Has God called me to this specific task? Ultimately this is the primary question to ask, regardless of the task which we carry out in life. We must seek to know God's will and must follow it. This is as true of the life of a farmer as the life of a minister. Each should be doing his task because he feels that this is the work God would have him do.

"The question that comes to all of us is the relation of God and His plan for our lives . . . . God has a plan for every life."

We Must Realize That Time Spent in Preparation Is Not Lost

We are tempted to take a short-range view of life. We think of immediate returns rather than long-range returns. Short-cuts in preparation are usually not advisable. Experience has taught us that time spent in preparation is not wasted time. One thinks of the time Jesus spent in preparation before His ministry. Other examples in the Bible are Moses and Paul. To whatever task God calls you remember that he would have you be your best possible self and that time spent in preparation is well spent.

We Must Ever Keep Our Goal in Mind

Many young people have a vision of a task that they feel God wants them to accomplish. They begin to carry out that work. Then, as they go through life, they begin to drift rather than to continue to allow God to direct and plan their lives. This fact is well illustrated by the following story.

"Study now, for service later."

A young man stood at a sharp bend in the Connecticut River. He saw a lot of driftwood swirling around, going nowhere. Later on he stood on the bank of the Black River in northern New York and saw the river filled with pulp logs rushing down to the mills. "It is easy to float down stream, it is easy to go where the masses go," he said to himself. Some time later this same young man was at the bank of the Nile. The river was filled with graceful boats all anchored. "Why don't they let them go?" he thought. He noticed some idle boatmen on the shore. At two o'clock a breeze from the North came up. Immediately there was action and the boats were carrying their cargoes upstream. Here was directed action. Here he saw men use the elements of nature to reverse a natural tendency. He mused to himself. "This illustrates man's possibilities when he links his life with God's purpose and plan."

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we journey along through life:
'Tis the act of the Soul
That decides the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Paul summarized it this way. "This one thing I do, forgetting these things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before" Phil. 3:13. His own life also exemplified this principle; towards its close he could say, as he stood before King Agrippa: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" Acts 26:19.

> **"In all of these vocations the goal may be money. But should it?"..**

The challenge to follow God's plan for our lives then comes to each person, regardless of what that plan may be. Each of us must respond and make a decision whether we will follow God's plan or whether we will follow our own inclinations. Satan will put up the pious snare of indecision. John Foster, in his valuable little book, *The Decision of Character,* declares; "A man without decision can never be said to belong to himself. He belongs to whatever can capture him. He passes like a slave from owner to owner." One can be assured that God will do His part. He is concerned about revealing His Will to each of us. "The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his doings" Proverbs 5:21. If your way and the Lord's way agree, you will be blest and you will find true happiness in serving Him.

Chapter II

The Challenge of *FULL-TIME* Church Work

Rev. Andrew E. Shelly

ONE DAY I walked more than three miles in an open country area and arrived at the humble home of an elderly Christian gentleman. During the course of the conversation he said, in his own interesting brogue! "You know, this here Christianity business is a funny thing." I gave him all the encouragement he needed to continue, and he added: "You know this here man .....?" Of course I knew him—a respected Christian citizen of the community. "Well," my friend continued, "Twenty years ago he was a drunkard. He would come home and beat his wife. Everybody was afraid of him. Then he went down to the church, got himself converted, and

he has been different ever since."

There is the challenge facing the Church! It is the release of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way as to affect the lives of individuals and communities.

The challenge of full-time church work is at least fourfold:

The Challenge of The Need in the World

It has been said that during the awful days of the war when problems seemed to be multiplying so rapidly, one editor was searching for a suitable headline to describe the conditions as they existed. Finally, he used the words, "The World in an Awful Mess." Perhaps that does describe it.

However, in thinking of the great evil in our world, we must not forget that there have been other periods in history when the times were "out of joint." It does seem that the extent and intensity of the evil of our present day is unparalleled in history.

Whatever may be the comparison of the evil with other generations, the challenge is to approach it as Isaiah did. He realistically recognized the problems of the eighth century B. C.—political, social, moral, economic, spiritual. He further looked beyond the problems to the sure coming of the everlasting Kingdom and sounded a note of hope. Then, he challenged the people to dedicate themselves for service. "Go through, go through the gates—prepare ye the way of the people; cast up the highway; gather out the stones, lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah himself said: "Here am I, send me."

"The pulpit is one—but only one—field of service."

The Challenge of the Answer

We *do* have the answer! While attending school in Philadelphia, I passed a bulletin board of a church every day for some months. The pastor had the same picture displayed for a long time. It was a painting of a church. Around the church were a sea of faces. They were so painted as to illustrate a representative group—all nationalities, races, colors, occupations, etc. Then, above the church, was pictured the Christ with outstretched hands. The caption above the painting was: "For Such a Time As This." He is the answer!

Leaders in all fields of human endeavor are expressing their conviction that something more than human wisdom is needed in the affairs of men. (This is, of course, very obvious.) Roger Babson, the great economist, has written:

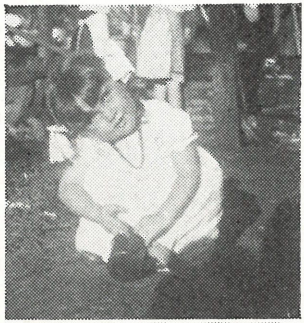
. . . . The security of our investments is absolutely dependent upon faith, the righteousness and the religion of our people. I have stated that the real strength of our investments is due, not to the distinguished bankers of America, but rather to the poor preachers. I now go further than that and say that the development of the country as a whole is due to . . . . this combination of faith, thrift, industry, initiative, integrity, and vision, which these preachers have developed in their communities.

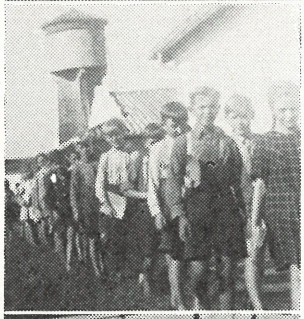
The call to full-time church work is on opportunity to devote one's entire life to an active release of that which is supremely important. Not only do we think of the answer to the needs of our present world, but the eternal destiny of men.

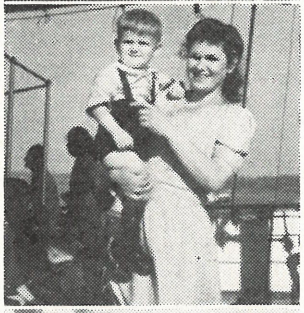
Some, when they look at the immensity of the task, feel discouraged and wonder how much they can do. In the midst of an epidemic the good doctor does not stop because of the greatness of the task, but treats as many people as possible, and tries to call in help.

I am only one, but I am one;
I cannot do everything, but I can do something;
What I ought to do, I can do,
And what I can do, by the grace of God I will do.

There is something further: although we cannot solve all problems, we can help individuals to live lives of happiness and







"The need Lord, the bitter need!"

service. What a challenge that is! We can be the channel through which the water of blessing will flow to specific people. It is said that just minutes before the King of England was to be crowned a wire in a control room in New York broke. There was no time to fix the wire. So, one of the workers took hold of the two ends of wire. In the one hand he received the message of the King, and then passing through his body, he passed it on to millions of listeners in America. What a colossal challenge it is to be the "conveyer" of God's Message to eager, waiting, hungry hearts!

The Challenge of Increased Opportunities

We live in an age of opportunity! Of course, opportunities have always been great. Every century presented its challenges. The story of C. T. Studd's amazing life is truly inspiring. During the last century he blazed new trails for Christ. He once said: "My soul is on fire to do the work of Christ. I seem to hear Jesus saying, 'Go over and possess the good land of the world. Every place your foot shall tread upon (thank God I have large ones). to you have I given it.' " A person with that zeal will find opportunities in any age. He also said: "Christ wants not nib-

blers of the possible, but grapplers of the impossible."

But, it is also true that we face very unique privileges in the spread of the Gospel. We think of unique things, as the radio and airplane. More particularly, we think of this challenge in regard to opportunities for better training, effective specialized work among people, and facilities for the increasing outreach of the influence of the Church. In other words, the full-time church-worker today has the privilege of the same power of the Holy Spirit any other workers of previous generations had, but also faces the opportunity of the multiplication of himself in and through the lives of others and through co-operative enterprises through many mediums.

The world is rapidly becoming literate; this is a challenge to the church. During the past twenty years 100,000,000 people learned to read and write in our world. The number is increasing. The Church is the only institution that can release the Bible and its message of salvation! This is the great task of the church. What a tragedy that we do not have sufficient numbers of consecrated young people to fill the places of service open to them! Certainly God is calling more than are responding!

John R. Mott, in his splendid book, *The Larger Evangelism,* has suggested that "this generation can evangelize the world." He meant that every person could be given the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ. What a challenge to the Church of Christ—to our denomination —to our local Church—to each one of us!

"The story of C. T. Studd's amazing life is truly inspiring. During the last century he blazed new trails for Christ. He once said: 'My soul is on fire to do the work of Christ. I seem to hear Jesus saying, "God over and possess the good land of the world. Every place your foot shall tread upon (thank God I have large ones) to you I have given it." ' A person with that zeal will find opportunities in any age."

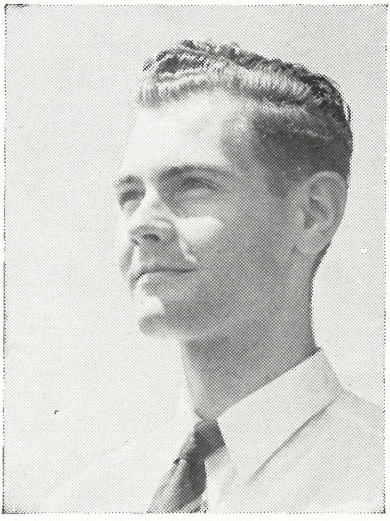
The Challenge of Personal Enrichment

This may seem like a selfish motive, but it needs to be mentioned to offset the appeals of other fields of endeavor. The full-time church worker has the privilege to spend much time in concentrated study on spiritual things. He has the joy of keeping in touch with the great Christian leaders of all ages by reading. He has the thrill of being under the full-time command of Christ who has said, "Lo, I am with you alway." It is true that every Christian is under this full-time "command," but the full-time church worker is this in a unique sense: his time is spent in the supreme task of promoting the work of that Institution to which was entrusted the task of building the Kingdom.

Conclusion

Because of these challenges and many others any concentrated young person with reasonable talent should consider the matter of a call to full-time church work very seriously. The burden of the decision should not be whether we will do full-time church work, but rather whether we have excuse *not* to do it. The need is great! The challenge is inviting! "Here am I, send me."

"We are labourers together with God . . . ." I Cor. 3:9.



Chapter III

The *CALL* to Full-Time Church Work

Rev. Olin A. Krehbiel

WHILE it is true that God wants everyone to serve Him, whether one is engaged in sacred or secular work, yet it is also true that God calls individuals to full-time or special service for Him. God has need of young people who will directly devote all of their energies to the cause of Christ. There are places of responsibility and leadership in the church which call for our entire dedication. Here in this section we have in mind discussing the *call* of God to full-time church work.

What Is a Call?

It is God opening the doors for our greater usefulness and dedication to Him. Abraham was called apart from the idol worshippers in order that through him all the other nations of the earth might be blessed. Another definition of a call is: "Christ asking or directing us to do a specific piece of work." Thus God told Jonah to bear a message to Ninevah. When the Lord points out a need to us and enables us to meet that need, that constitutes a "call." David Livingstone saw that the people of Africa needed Christ, and he was given the strength to tell them of the Saviour.

A call may come rather abruptly and suddenly, or it may come as the result of a step-by-step leading of the Lord and a gradual realization of God's will for our lives. The call of the disciples was a progressive unfolding of the orders of Christ. Jesus first asked them to follow Him that they might be trained to become fishers of men. Then He had them gain experience by sending them on a preaching tour. All this was before the great commission.

It is very important that we learn to distinguish between the divine call and human calls or urges. Samuel thought it was Eli calling him when in reality it was God calling.

How Does God Call Us?

The most perplexing question to many people is: How does God call a person? Or, How may I know that this is what Christ would have me do? There are many methods or combinations of methods whereby God leads us to our proper place of labor, but these may be divided into three general classes: First, God calling directly. Second, God calling through providential circumstances. Third, God calling through our fellowmen.

Too often we have expected God's call to come like a lightning bolt from heaven or in some mysterious sort of way. We should have been listening for that still, small, inner voice that called us while we had prayer communion with Christ. The prophet Elijah had to learn that God was not in the earthquake, storm, and fire but in the still, small voice. In our day we can see visions of Christ and hear Him speak by reading His word. Our Lord commands us, as it is recorded in the Scriptures, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19. God calls and directs us through His word. Thus, the Lord can guide us directly by that inner tugging of the Spirit at our heart strings or as we meditate upon what has been revealed in the Bible.

God uses circumstances and events as guides to the way He would have us go. Sometimes the experiencing of a sorrow, a trial, a danger, a joy, or the like, will lead to a call. For Moses, it was the burning bush. For Martin Luther it was the death of a friend and a thunderstorm. Our Heavenly Father also makes plain the path we should take by the closing and opening of doors. This is illustrated in Paul's Macedonian call, Acts 16:6-10. The door was blocked by the Apos-

"Most unexpected service in most unexpected places."

tle to go into Asia and Bithynia. Then the door opened to Macedonia. An invitation may come stating that your help is needed, like when Cornelius sent for Peter. God may lead you by giving you an opportunity for an education in preparation for service for Him. Your God-given abilities may point in the direction of some kind of full-time church work. Bezaleel's talents and training made him the logical one to supervise in making the tabernacle equipment. See Exodus 31:1-11. Again when parents dedicate children to the Lord, as Hannah did with Samuel, this may prepare the way for religious service.

Our fellowmen may be used of the Lord to call us. A challenging sermon by the pastor or some visiting speaker. A heart-to-heart talk with a friend, revealing our longings and seeking their counsel may cause the way to stand out clearly before us. Adoniram Judson's fellowship with the "Haystack Prayer Meeting" group led him to Burma. We may be elected or chosen to do some kind of church work and this may show the way to greater usefulness. That was true of the deacons Philip and Stephen. One may be asked to take up the labors where another left off. Elijah put his mantle on Elisha signifying that the latter was to carry on the prophetic work of the former.

Some Bible Calls for Study

The Call of Abraham	Genesis 12:1-5
The Call of Moses	Exodus 3:1 to 4:20
The Call of Bazaleel and Aholiab	Exodus 31:1-11
The Call of Joshua	Numbers 27:15-23, Deuteronomy 31:7 & 14, Joshua 1:1-9
The Call of Samuel	I Samuel 3:1-15
The Call of Elisha	I Kings 19:19-21
The Call of Nehemiah	Nehemiah 1:1 to 2:8
The Call of Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1-8
The Call of Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1:4-9
The Call of Ezekiel	Ezekiel 1:1 & 2:1 to 3:7
The Call of Amos	Amos 7:14-15
The Call to Jonah	Jonah 1:1-3 & Jonah 3:1-3
The Call of Matthew	Matthew 9:9
The Call of the Four Fishermen	Mark 1:16-20
The Call of the Twelve	Mark 3:13-15, Matt. 9:36 to 10:1, Luke 6:12-13
The Call of Peter to Reconsecration	John 21:15-21
The Call of Matthias	Acts 1:21-26
The Call of the Deacons	Acts 6:2-6
The Call of Peter to the Gentiles	Acts 10:17-22
The Call of Barnabas and Paul to Antioch	Acts 11:22-26
The Call of Barnabas and Paul as Missionaries	Acts 13:1-4
The Call of Paul to Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10

Responding to God's Call

It makes all the difference in the world whether our attitude forms the right kind of a climate for a call to take root. When we are open minded and willing to be guided by God, then He can lead us aright. Jesus may be talking to you and saying, "Lovest thou me?" Then, "Feed my sheep." Having made sure that the Lord has called you to do a given work, you should obey regardless of the obstacles. Jesus did not promise a life of ease to those who would follow Him, but He did promise that He would be with them and give the needed strength. For those who desire to know more about the way God calls to full-time service, there is suggested a study of the calls recorded in the Scripture.

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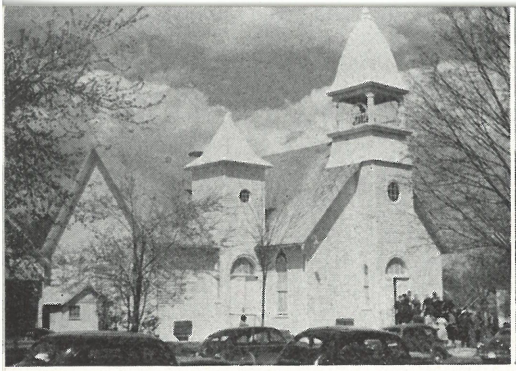

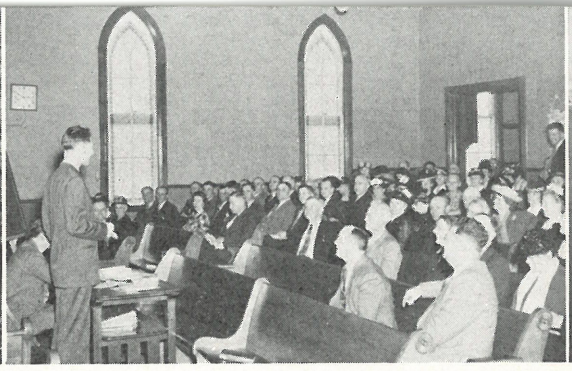

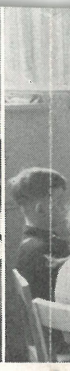

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Opportunities for *FULL-TI*

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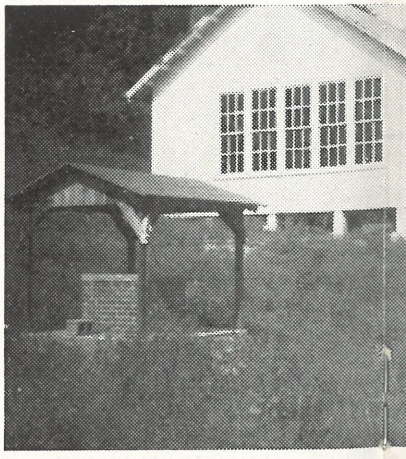
SO GREAT are the spiritual and physical needs of this world that the task of the church challenges some of us to give full time to the work. Many, perhaps, you, have said, "Here am I, use me if you need me." This, God would have all of us say. Then God can call us to where He can best use us—it may be farming, it may be preaching. We can be assured He will use us!

Mature Christians will realize, however, that this commitment and vision does not necessarily make clear one's specific vocation for the future. It will mean prayerful "being available," prayerful preparation for greater usefulness, and beginning immediately to work where you are. Tackle the biggest job that you have opportunity to do! "We walk by faith not by sight."

In this chapter we shall try to help you understand the opportunities in the various fields of full-time work in the church. Certainly this will not include all the worthy possibilities of Christian service, but we are endeavoring to present the opportunities of General Conference affiliated or sponsored work. These are areas we as a body of Christians have undertaken together and to which we want to give our loyalty. Consider the needs and opportunities, discuss your situation with friends and be willing to follow the Lord's leading. There will come to you that "inner ought"—that sense of calling.

Am I Qualified?

Whether it is work as a foreign missionary or nurse in a Christian hospital there are certain basic qualifications. (1) It is essential that all full-time workers of the church be sincere Christians with growing convictions. (2) A further necessity is a strong, Christian character. For some, *you* are the only Gospel that is read. (3) You should have a genuine yearning for the welfare of others. This may begin with concern for physical needs, but ultimately it must include a deep concern for their



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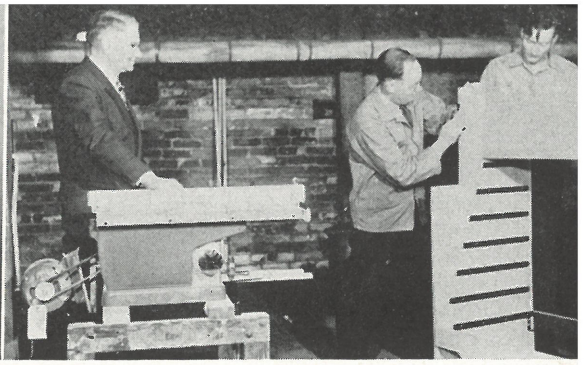

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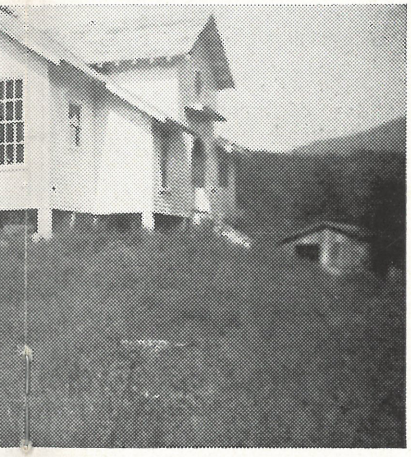
TIME Work in the Church

Elmer Ediger

inner, spiritual needs. (4) Christians in full-time work of the Church should have a love for the Church, a deep appreciation for what it has done. (5) Full-time workers in the Church are "laborers worthy of their hire" (Luke 10:7), but they must be prepared to live on a simple standard.

Although not perfect, we must be able to say with Paul, "I press on toward the goal" (Phil. 3:14). In addition to these basic qualifications there are special requirements for specific fields which will be mentioned in connection with each field of full time service.



ays of life,"—and where they don't!
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The Ministry

You may be the one through whom God wants to build the "home base." The more than 200 local congregations of our Conference are the base for all our activity as a Conference in missions, schools, hospitals, and so on. If the local church crumbles, all those parts dependent upon it will fall. The local church is a most important link of our entire group witness and service. From it come the workers, the prayerful interest, and the essential, dependable, financial support. In the past we may have tended to overlook its importance. Every task in the "home" church is important whether full- or part-time.

Although the work of the church must be shared by all, the minister has a key position. He is a preacher, teacher, evangelist, shepherd, an administrator, and a handy-man. It is the minister who must set forth the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. It is he, in our day, who in making application of spiritual truth must speak forth, "Thus saith the Lord." In addition to planting seeds, he is the teacher who must nurture young and old to grow in the grace and truth *of* Christ. Perhaps most descriptive of this total task is that of the "shepherd"—leading, and protecting his flock. He has opportunity to be close to the family at the most important time of their lives—marriage, birth, sickness,

death—in joy and sorrow. By surrendering himself as a servant to Christ and his Kingdom, and by the grace of God he can help to build a strong, vital, believing membership in Christ. Work in the local church is truly a challenge to those who are called.

1. *Our Needs:* The General Conference has more than 200 congregations in North America—from Pennsylvania to California, and from Mexico to Canada. At least fifteen men should enter each year as new ministers to replace those who pass on or otherwise move from the local-church ministry. Often there are more vacancies than this. Immediately after World War II there were at least forty vacancies. These were in city- and rural churches, large and small. Although most churches want full-time ministers, there are some who have need for part-time ministers who earn part of their livelihood in teaching, farming, or some other occupation. If, after considering your gifts and the opportunities of this field, you feel the "inner ought," then prepare yourself, and the Lord through His church will call you.

> **"Too often we have expected God's call to come like a lightning bolt from heaven or in some mysterious sort of way. We should have been listening for that still, small, inner voice that called us while we had prayer communion with Christ."**

Most of the General Conference churches today do want well-trained ministers—those who can teach and preach and also help organize and guide various organizations in the total church program for young and old. To help people of various walks of life to live the Christ way requires understanding, good judgment. Our Conference recommends that ministers be college-trained and, if possible, seminary-trained. Shortcuts are sometimes tempting but usually misleading. If you are ready for the responsibility of a church, the General Conference Placement Committee has been elected to help make your availability known to interested churches. Write to the Committee in care of the General Conference Headquarters, 722 No. Main. St. Newton, Kansas, or any member of the Committee.

Foreign Mission Field

"To go forth," to be missionaries, will be our response if we are a body of true believer. It was our Lord who challenged us, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . . . . ." As one reflects upon the soul-sick, lost, bewildered people in various lands and then upon the Light, the Peace we can have through faith in Christ Jesus our Saviour . . . . then we are moved to help bring the gospel to the "uttermost parts of the earth." "A live church cannot but spend itself in a world such as this."

Our churches have united to form a Board of Foreign Missions which is dedicated to be the channel for this missionary task. Rev. A. E. Kreider, the Chairman of the Board, who visited the various mission fields shortly after World War II, reveals vividly this open door:

> This is a day of opportunity for missions. Many I have met reported that there is a readiness as never before to hear and respond to the gospel. We as a church dare not fail our Lord in this day. We have a place to fill in God's plan . . . . we must renew our efforts because the people of every land need Christ. He only is the Saviour of Man. Furthermore, our resources are adequate. We are able to support and maintain more workers on the field than we have had in the past. Is there any reason why we, as a Conference, should not take steps to increase and enlarge our pro-

gram of home and foreign missions? The need and the urgency of the hour demand it.

The aim of our Christian mission work is to bring the Gospel to the non-believers and build up the Christian church. To help you who are considering the call of our foreign mission program, we present briefly the various fields and in general the type of laborers needed. To give an insight into the general nature of foreign mission work we shall give a more complete picture of one field—India. Although many of the missionaries are serving in schools, hospitals, and other institutions, the primary aim of all workers is evangelism.

"It makes all the difference in the world whether our attitude forms the right kind of a climate for a call to take root. When we are open minded and willing to be guided by God, then He can lead us aright."

INDIA

The mission work of our Conference was begun in India with the sending of relief for famine sufferers in 1899. In Central India the General Conference Mennonite Mission is responsible for a territory of approximately 5,000 square miles, 2,979 villages, with a population of 842,000. Of this area, 206 villages have about 4,000 baptized Christians. It will be interesting to note the distribution of full-time Indian workers. One would assume that this is also indicative of how the foreign missionaries divide their time. The 228 full-time Indian workers were distributed as follows: Evangelistic, 96; Educational, 170; Medical, 29; other institutions, 18; and Industrial, 16. In 1947, there were 25 of our foreign missionaries in India—9 men, 16 women. As the above indicates, evangelization of these countries depends largely on the Christians of the land—our missionaries are helpers.

1. *Evangelistic Work.*—During the non-rainy season evangelistic tours by Indian workers, missionaries, and students cover as much of the field as possible. During the year 1946-47 the Gospel was preached in 550 villages. Over 500 women's meetings and 600 other meetings were held. Many Bibles, Bible pictures, and tracts were sold or distributed. The response was very good.

2. *Educational Work.*—With 88 per cent illiterate in India it is essential to provide schools for basic education in order to develop church leaders and a Bible-reading church. The 28 primary schools touch the lives of almost a 1,000 young children. Two middle schools, one high school, and one Bible school reach the slightly older group and, with more potential leadership. Here the future Indian church-leadership is being trained by Indian Christians and North American Christian teachers. ". . . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

3. *Medical Work.*—The ministry of healing is practiced in all four of the Indian stations. The several missionary doctors and nurses, six dispensaries, two hospitals, and one leper colony are the major aspects of this medical program. The leper colony is one of the largest hospitals in India.

4. *Industrial Work.*—Farming is a part of each station. At one station, as part of the agricultural school program, they teach carpentry, farming, weaving, spinning, sewing, and printing.

Thus, we see the variety of missionary tasks and more particularly in the Indian field.

CHINA

The turmoil of war and anti-Christian activity has increased the need for Christ in this land. The General Conference mission area in China comprises a territory similar in size to that in

"Young, yes; but too young?"

India but has more than two million inhabitants. "In 1940 there were forty preaching places, 24 organized congregations, 125 native workers, 25 missionaries and a total membership of 2,300 (E. G. Kaufman, *Our Mission As a Church of Christ)*. The field has 60 schools, 2 high schools, 4 boarding schools, and a Bible school. A hospital had been begun, several dispensaries were established. Since the Japanese invasion activities the former mission field is not served by our missionaries. The Chinese Christian Church has survived and in many ways been strengthened.

The General Conference Mission in China has initiated a new field of work. On the new field there will be less of a school program since the government is undertaking the task of education. We will need, however, to provide training-centers for workers. Missionaries feel the need of concentrating on evangelism with the aim of building up the church and developing leadership from the nationals. There is desperate need for medical service in China. Many couples and single workers will be needed in China in the coming ten years.

AFRICA

Our Conference co-operates with other Mennonite groups in the Congo Inland Mission Board. Their work is located in Belgian Congo. The field consists of an area about the size of the state of Illinois. Twenty-seven missionaries are now on the field. "The chief means of propagating the Gospel is the education-evangelistic method whereby a native teacher-evangelist and wife locate in a village and operate a school during the week and preach the gospel on Sunday" (From *For A Fact,* published by Women's Missionary Association of General Conference). The missionaries supervise this educational-evangelistic work and direct the medical program. The native church has a membership of 7,000 and is to a great extent under the leadership of native pastors and deacons. "Converts in the Congo Inland Mission are secured much faster than they can be catechized for baptism and church membership. As many as 3,000 professing Christians awaiting baptism are often listed in the annual reports from the field" (From *For A Fact*). Doctors, nurses, educational-evangelistic supervisors, French teachers, secretaries, and builders are listed among the needs for the next ten years' program of replacement and expansion.

SOUTH AMERICA

A new field, Columbia, S. A., was opened in 1944. The work has begun with a home and service to needy children—many of them untainted children from leper parents. From it will likely grow evangelistic work in the vicinity. This, as other parts of South America, being largely Catholic makes the field a difficult but challenging one. The present workers visualize need for additional couples to help in the direct evangelization work.

MONTANA—ARIZONA—OKLAHOMA

The Cheyenne Indians in Montana, the Arapaho Indians in Oklahoma, and the Hopi Indians in Arizona are three fields of work also under the Foreign Mission Board. Progress in these fields has not been rapid. Various factors, however, point toward an upsurge of gain for Christ among these Indians. Missionaries are planning enlarged programs of religious instruction in con-

nection with public schools, summer Bible schools, evangelistic efforts and, in Arizona, more health service through a hospital. One government teacher in Arizona remarked, "I used to believe the government schools would be able to raise the moral standards of the Hopis; but now I see that it takes the missions to do it."

Qualifications for Foreign Mission Workers: "The best preparation," says Dr. Kreider, "Is none too good for those who undertake missionary work. Missionary work is not easy." To go out with the "good news" it is essential that the missionary have the conviction and power that comes from a personal experience with Christ. Varying types of work require their own type of training, for example, doctors, nurses, agricultural teachers, secretaries, various teachers. In addition to their fields of specialty missionaries should be able to do many "odds and ends." All workers are missionaries. Work on the mission field, which is increasingly of a leadership nature, requires that workers have at least a college education or its equivalent and seminary where possible. A missionary often lives in close relation to other people, often under trying circumstances. Workers sent out must have a record of co-operativeness, patience, and cheerfulness. Language, a simple tool, is an absolute essential and, therefore, workers sent must be capable of learning a new language. Health, and particularly in relation to climate of the various fields is an important factor to be considered. Physical endurance as well as health is essential.

The motive for the Christian missionary who goes to a foreign culture cannot be adventure. It must be to give one's life to do a vital *Christian work*— "We cannot live without Christ, and we cannot bear to think of men living without Him." A genuine missionary's service begins now. Those who feel called to do foreign mission work or who are seriously weighing the matter would do well to consult with a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. If none of them are personally known to you, write to the General Conference Headquarters, 722 Main Street, Newton. Kansas.

Home Missions

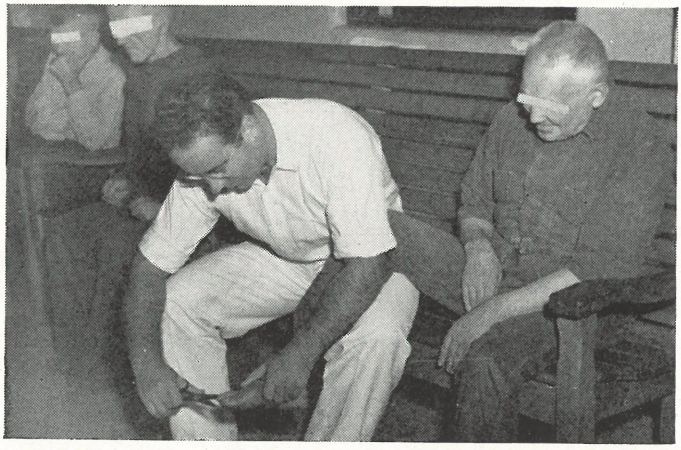
The work under this board is of two types. (1) For many years Home Missions in our Conference had reference to work with our people who were isolated from the church community, or who were in a particularly small church, or who as recent immigrants, needed spiritual and physical help in becoming established. The Home Mission Board has been the shepherd-at-large for sheep of our flock who need the strong helping hand. As groups of our people have moved, the Conference, through the Home Mission Board, has moved with them. "Home mission" churches have developed and the work of the Kingdom has been extended.

For this "outreach" of the church, pioneering type of workers are engaged on full- or part-time basis. In 1946, nineteen workers were in the Canadian area. Of these, five were itinerant ministers working from a home church, visiting isolated families and scattered churches. Twelve are serving individual local, rural, and city churches. Often, after a period under the guiding hand of Home Mission Board, churches such as these become self-supporting, local congregations. Two of the other Canadian Home Mission workers are among women who serve as matrons of Girls Homes located in three of the large

"He shall be like a tree."

cities where many Mennonite girls go to earn money. In the United States eleven ministers at this time similarily serve home-mission churches. Besides gathering together Mennonites already in the area, they aim to win other unchurched families. Mexico and South America, where recent immigrants have settled, and evangelistic work among the migrants. In Saskatchewan, at Swift Current, a former health resort has become a center for proclaiming the Gospel. These are illustrations of opportunities now available under the Home Mission Board.

More workers, men and women, min-



"I was in prison and ye."

are also fields served by Home Mission workers.

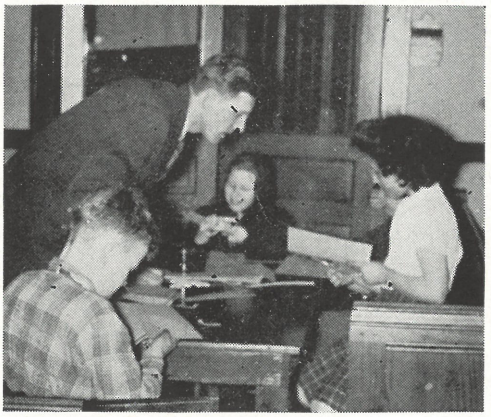
(2) Another aspect of the Home Mission task is that of building up the church of Christ in unchurched areas, such as mountain areas and new tenant areas of cities. The southern mountain work in Paint Rock, North Carolina, and in southeastern Kentucky are beginning in this type of activity. By its nature and purpose this is similar to foreign mission work. It has the advantage in that workers need not adapt themselves to a new language or new land. Although the ways of living may be different, the contrast is considerably less than with most foreign lands. Such work usually begins with summer Bible school, or Sunday school and gradually develops into a large mission. There is other Home Mission work under direction of district conferences. In California, for example, a missionary couple is engaged in religious instruction

isters and teachers, are needed for rural Canadian work, rural and city work in the United States. The Board is also thinking and praying regarding interest that has been shown in opening a mission center in the South, perhaps among colored people. United States and Canada are areas not so untouched as certain foreign lands, but much remains to be done here in our land. Mission workers of a new pioneering approach are needed to do mission work in this parially Christian land. Itinerant work, working with struggling churches, requires not only perseverance and patience, but a faith which has vision, brings hope and peace through Christ Jesus. If you are interested in this work of shepherding scattered and isolated people and doing work in such unchurched areas as the mountains or cities, write to a member of the Home Mission Board or to General Confer-

ence Headquarters, 722 Main Street, Newton, Kansas.

Service in a Mennonite School

"And God hath set . . . in the church . . . teachers . . . ." (I Cor. 12:38). Wherever the church is doing its task of bringing souls into the Kingdom, there will be need for the teaching ministry. Schools were established within our Conference for two very important purposes: to train leaders for the church and to help all Christians in general to live more consecrated and more useful lives.



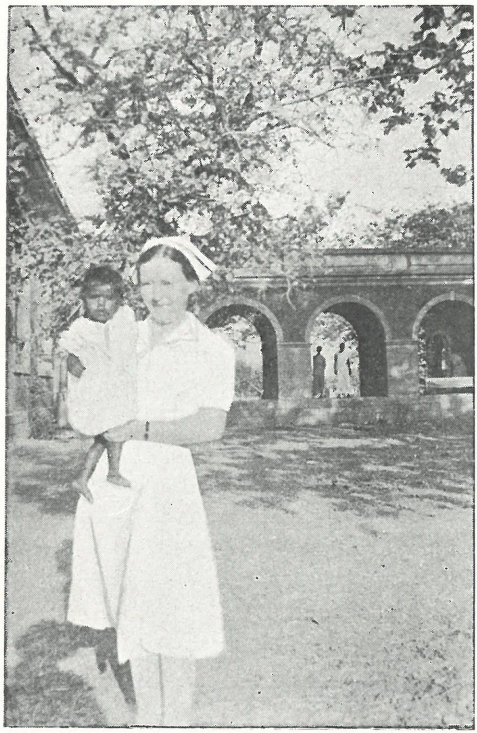
"The teachers shall shine as the stars in the firmament."

To have a mission and service program and strong, local churches, the church must have schools to prepare the needed teachers. Ours is a day of much training and education. The church in such a situation must have equally or better-trained leaders for its more important mission. Although education is in no sense a substitute for the fundamental, spiritual experience with Christ, to be effective the church must have a *broad understanding* of other fields in addition to being well-qualified in the *religious subjects*. This former is the task of our Christian liberal arts colleges and the latter more particularly that of the seminary and Bible schools. Teachers in those schools have a matchless opportunity in shaping the future program of the Church. In a real sense the teachers of these schools are at work on the mission fields, in the local pastorate—through the consecrated young people the schools give to these tasks.

As the first chapter emphasized, God can call individuals to many vocations —doctors, teachers, farmers, merchants, engineers. There is need for Christians in all these fields who can translate their Christian beliefs into the daily life and into the total purpose of their vocation. Not only does the college Bible teacher have the opportunity of helping toward this end, but the teachers of science, history, sociology, and economics have a very direct opportunity for bringing the student's total motivation in line with God. The world has suffered so much by misuse of power discovered by science, it is high time we give increased attention to use and application that are consistent with God's hope for His creation.

Briefly, we present the schools related to the conferences—general or district.

1. Berean Academy, Elbing Kansas—full, four-year high school course, 4 teachers.
2. Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas—four-year liberal arts college, 33 teachers, other staff people.
3. Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio—19 full-time teachers, 16 part-time, other staff members, full, four-year liberal arts college.
4. Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba — college-accredited work (School opened 1947-48).
5. Freeman Junior College, Freeman, South Dakota—full, four-year high school and two-year liberal arts college, 13 teachers.



"Let the Little Children come unto Me."

6. Mennonite Bible Academy, Beatrice, Nebraska.
7. Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Bible School, Chicago, Illinois. 4 teachers, other full-time staff members and others part-time.
8. Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba—full, high-school course, and one-year college, 5 teachers.
9. Oklahoma Bible Academy, Meno, Oklahoma—high-school work, 5 teachers.
10. Rosthern Junior College, Rosthern, —high school and one year of college work.

Type of work and qualifications.—Schools require faculty members, administrative officers, and various staff people. All these positions should be filled by Christians. Those who work in the kitchen as well as those who teach can make their work a Christian service and calling. The Lord can sometimes teach more Christianity through a certain janitor on the school campus than through a teacher. Why shouldn't a well-qualified carpenter dedicate his services to the Lord and make them available for full-time use in connection with church-school building-program?

Another type of workers needed in schools is obviously that of teachers. Approximately one hundred full-time teachers are required for our various Conference-related schools. In terms of full-time work in the church this presents a large proportion and certainly a challenging one! Fortunately it presents opportunities for such a variety of talents—natural and physical sciences, social science, religious education and applied arts. Teachers in these various fields must all be Christian educators of the youth in their classes. If this is done, the chemist produced will truly be a Christian chemist rather than a person who is a chemist and a nominal Christian.

Those considering the teaching mission in our church-related schools should have the following qualifications: (1) He or she must have a deep, continuing personal interest as well as experience in Christ. (2) The teacher or college groups should have a strong intellectual interest—should be sincere and able searcher for truth. Usually he or she should have been above-average ability in school work. (3) To be a teacher there must be a genuine interest in each student. The good teacher teaches persons rather than subject matter. (4) The teacher should have a personality and method that can make subject-matter sufficiently interesting. Almost anyone can develop such if the other requirements are met.

Those interested in dedicating themselves to the work of Christ and His church through Christian schools, should make known their interest before or during preparation. In order to provide for the best placement in the church as

a whole, make known your interest to the Board of Education, General Conference Headquarters, 722 Main Street, Newton, Kansas.

Church Related Hospitals and Homes for Aged

Our Christian hospitals can be living testimonies in their communities and certainly in the lives of those who are served. Illness and suffering are the times when individuals must realize their need of God. Christian hospital workers can be the "hands," the "feet," the "words" of Jesus today as he walks among the sick and compassionately helps them. Christian doctors, nurses attendants, and other hospital workers find a real joy in self-giving service for others. Our church is in need of consecrated Christians who will dedicate their lives to this worthy field of service. Not only can this be a useful vocation in itself, but it can be a way of helping Christians to bear one another's burdens. It can be avenue of true mission work.

General Hospitals

Workers, young and older, those with special training and those with usual skills, are needed in our various general hospitals. Below we list some of those closely related to our Conference through a district or a number of local churches:

1. Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas, 84 beds, 42 student nurses, 20 sisters, and 48 employees.

2. Bethel Hospital, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, 21 beds, 6 nurses and aides, and 18 other employees.

3. Bethel Hospital, Winkler, Manitoba, Canada, 35 beds, 10 nurses, and 10 other employees.

4. Bethesda Hospital, Goessel, Kansas, 15 beds, 7 nurses, 4 other employees.

5. Mennonite Deaconess Hospital, Beatrice, Nebraska, 30 beds, 34 nurses and other employees.

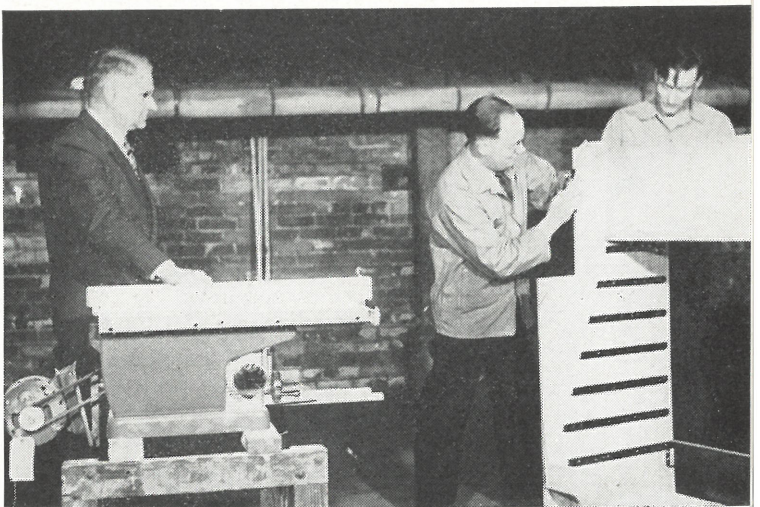
6. Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois, 102 beds, 30 nurses (plus students), 60 other employees.

7. Other hospitals in Altona, Manitoba; Coaldale, Altona; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rosthern, Saskatchewan, are Mennonite Community Hospitals including General Conference Mennonite Churches.

In order to become a registered nurse, women (or men) must have at least high school background, if possible some college, and three-year period of hospital training and work. Two of our hospitals, Bethel and Bloomington, have Christian nurses-training schools. For more information write to Nurses Training School at either of the hospitals, addresses as listed.

Christian doctors are urgently needed in many fields. Emphasis should also be given at this point to the marvelous counselling opportunity Christian doctors have to help families and individuals solve their personal problems. Very important for an efficient and Christian service by any hospital is the large number of non-professional helpers who render their service indirectly—preparparing food, doing laundry, laboratory, or office work.

"The Kingdom demands the best of technology."



Mental Hospitals

Together with other Mennonite bodies in the Mennonite Central Committee our Conference has recently taken steps to provide Christian family care for our mentally ill. A different attitude is gradually being developed toward the mentally ill. No longer should all mental illness be considered a hopeless condition. Increasingly it is looked upon as an illness which can be treated, similar to many other illnesses.

During World War II conscientious objectors served in mental hospitals. This demonstrated how Christians with goodwill, patience, kind firmness, and firm kindness, with resources outside of themselves are the needed type of psychiatricaide or attendant. Many types of mental illness absolutely need the assistance of a Christian specialist in this field—a psychiatrist. The doctor and aides together in a church hospital can do much toward re-establishing confidence in God, self, and in others.

Some mentally ill will need care for the remainder of their life. Their mental powers have deteriorated and others need to think, plan, and often act for them. The burden of such individual care in the home is often too great. "Substitute homes" provided by combined efforts of Christian families, the church, are the way of bearing one another's burden in this situation.

Brook Lane Farm, Rural Route 5, Hagerstown, Maryland, is the eastern hospital for treatment of the mild and acute mentally ill. Steps are being taken in other parts of the country for care of this type of illness and the long-term care of these who need it. Psychiatric aides will be employed for one year or more. There will be opportunity for vocations as psychiatric aides similar to the place of the nurse in the general hospital. Workers will receive special training in connection with their work. Also needed for this new field of service are Christian doctors and psychologists who want to specialize in this field of emotional and nervous illnesses. Again, there is also a good opportunity for workers in the indirect services of providing food, doing laundry-, and office work. Those interested in this field as the lifework or for one-year period should write for more information to Mental Health Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

Homes for the aged

A growing field of concern is the care of the aged. Medical services have helped to prolong the lifespan and as a result of modern inventions retire people earlier; thus the number of "aged" are much on the increase. Elderly parents will readily feel unwanted, in the way, unappreciated. "Honor thy father and thy mother" we have been taught. As Christians, as "children," some of us can render a very-much-needed and appreciated service in full- or part-time work in this field. Patient, understanding young people coming into this field can make unique contributions. The fact that the service potential is great and training a minimum, however, also permits individuals to enter this field at a later age than other fields of church service.

Homes for the aged in our Conference are usually sponsored by a community of churches or the district. Following are some of those related to the district or Conference organizations:

Bethel Home for the Aged, Mountain Lake, Minnesota.
Bethel Home for the Aged, Newton, Kansas
Bethesda Home for Aged, Goessel, Kansas.
Mennonite Home for the Aged, Frederick, Pennsylvania.
Mennonite Old People's Home, Meadows, Illinois.
Mennonite Home for the Aged, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Mennonite Home for the Aged, Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

In these areas of hospitals and homes there is need for those who can serve for a year or so and for workers who consecrate themselves to the vocation for a continued period. Good Christian

workers in the hospital kitchen, for example, can become increasingly effective as a spiritual influence as they consecrate their service to a particular field for a continuing period of stable service.

Numerous Other Opportunities

Deaconess service

Deaconesses are women who volunteer and are assigned to assist in the service of the church. Women who feel called to dedicate their lives to Christ and to be servants of His church wherever needed should explore the deaconess work of our Conference. This is an opportunity for a life vocation. Although the number of deaconesses in our Conference is not large, they have been a valuable and faithful arm of the church. The story of deaconess work since the early church is inspiring. Early deaconesses assisted and frequently took the lead in the church's ministry of teaching, nursing, and caring for the poor. For our Conference they have been pioneers in relief work, institutions of learning, and particularly institutions of healing and mercy.

There are many calls today in our Conference for the dependable, consecrated service of deaconesses. They may work in the "mother house," the hospital, home-for-the-aged, colleges, or parochial high schools, orphanages, or in local congregations. Those interested in exploring this channel of volunteering for service should write for several pamphlets available from the Bethel Deaconess Home, Newton, Kansas.

Pastoral assistants

Increasingly the task assigned to the local church is requiring more leadership. With the increase of effective teaching in public schools, it becomes much more necessary than previously for the Church to have a program that is meaningful and challenging for those who participate. Those communities which are in close contact with many competing interests sense more keenly the need for using the best methods of teaching. Increasingly, also, the local church is seeing the service it can render to the local community as a home-mission- and service group. Increasingly pastors are called upon to participate in the district and Conference responsibilities. Among other things all of this does mean that there will be an increasing demand for local church assistants—both men and women.

Christian educational directors

Only the larger churches can individually afford an assistant who gives full time to this field of promoting and integrating the Sunday school, youth fellowship, library, and other educational and recreational activities. One may anticipate that in the future there will be combinations of local churches which will unite in the use of an educational director. For such work an individual should have some seminary training in the field of religious education, preferably a two-year course.

Church visitor

Some city churches who have particularly good opportunities for evangelism are asking and should have a church visitor who spends much time in home visitations—personal work.

Music assistant

Most of the opportunities in the local church are thus far only part-time music directors. Combinations with other responsibilities mentioned above will prove a limited number of full-time positions in our local churches.

Secretary

The skill, together with some phase of those mentioned above, such as librarian, educational assistant, is increasingly called for. The pastor may hold an exacting office with the district or General Conference and, therefore, should be relieved of much routine and administrative work.

Those interested in a summer or year

of volunteer work in a local church with some combination of the above should write to General Conference Voluntary Service, 722 Main Street, Newton, Kansas. Those interested in regular employment in this field of church service should write to the Placement Committee, 722 Main Street, Newton, Kansas.

Central office assistance

The Conference Office and Mennonite Central Committee Headquarters and various boards such as Board of Foreign Missions, Education, Publication and sections of the Mennonite Central Committee offices are constantly seeking for various types of workers. An increasing number of calls come for individuals in the writing field—editors for church papers, writers of program materials, Sunday school quarterlies. There are opportunities for full- or part-time work.

More numerous and just as essential are the secretarial, bookkeeping, clerical needs of the conference and Mennonite Central Committee headquarters. As important as the kitchen is to the family, so are these functions to the vital service and mission of our church. These tasks need to be done with the same sense of Christian devotion as that of the missionary on the foreign field for they are a part of it.

For possibilities in any of this administrative or office assistance work, write to General Conference Headquarters, 722 Main Street, Newton, Kansas, and Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

Volunteer service

To give a special service in a needy world and to have an internship in some areas of church service, the church provides a volunteer program. Through the Mennonite Central Committee workers may serve three years, two years, eighteen months, one year, or seasonal periods in various parts of the world and in various types of service and mission. The General Conference has a volunteer program for various aspects of its program—missions, peace, and education. Many individuals have found such a period of service helpful as gateways to lives of greater Christian usefulness. Most of these terms are for six- to ten-week periods, but individuals interested in a year of service assisting a busy pastor are also needed. For information regarding this General Conference or Mennonite Central Committee volunteer service, write to the respective offices as listed above.

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Church Vocations

(The following are a list of possible vocations which are available within the General Conference.)

MINISTRY

..... Counseling
..... Music
..... Preaching
..... Religious Education
..... Teaching
..... Pastoral Assistant

MISSIONS

..... Africa
..... American Indians
..... China
..... India
..... South America
..... City Missions
..... Mountain Missions
..... Rural Church Areas
..... Migrant Work
..... Medical Missionary

EDUCATION

..... Administrative
..... Teaching
..... Editing
..... Writing
..... Visual Aid
..... Secretarial

DEACONATE

..... Administrative
..... Counseling
..... Nursing
..... Teaching

SOCIAL WORK

..... Hospitals
..... Old People's Homes
..... Children's Homes
..... Mental Institutions
..... Medical
..... Recreation
..... Rural
..... Settlement

SUMMER CAMPS

..... Administrative
..... Teaching
..... Counseling
..... Voluntary Service

CLERICAL

..... Stenographers
..... Bookkeepers
..... File Clerks
..... Accountant's
..... Artists
..... Printers
..... Proofreaders
..... Sales Clerks
..... Copy editors
..... Linotypists

INDUSTRIAL

..... Electricians
..... Mechanics
..... Engineers
..... Carpenters
..... Truckers

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, "Thou must."
The youth replies, "I can."

—*"Voluntaries,"* RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Vocational Interest Record

(This record is for information only. It will be forwarded to the proper board or agency in the church for their information.)

Name .....

Permanent
Address .....

Personal Information

Date of Birth ..... Age .....

Parents' Names .....

Occupation .....

Church Membership

Are you a Church Member? Yes ..... No ..... Date Joined .....

Name of Congregation .....

Location .....

Pastor's Name .....

Address .....

Name your recent church activities .....

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Education

Name of Institution Year Graduated

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Vocational Preference

I am interested in the following type of Christian Service:

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Please indicate on BACK OF THIS PAGE other interests you have and check them in order of preference.

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